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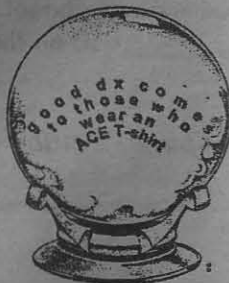


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- LATE LOGS -

Radio Metallica WW: 8/2-2347-6955-AM. (DK,OH 555)

- FROM ACROSS THE POND -

Laser Hot Hits-Merlin, ONT

Sept.6-0358-0409-6218.9-AM. "All Together Now" by The Beaties, "Hot Hits" ID by OM. (RC,MA 433)

Radio Mariquita-

Sept.12-2310-2353*-11470-USB. Relay via SWRS, Spanish dance mx, IDs in English & Italian. (GM,VA 333)

Scream Of The Butterfly-Providence, RI

Sept.12-*2101-2125+-11470-USB. Relay via SWRS, annrc Johnny Rockin' w/pgm of rock mx including The Doors, CCR, spacey mx. (JF,RI 232)

Shortwave Relay Service-Wuppertal, Germany

Sept.12/13-2353-0101*-11470-USB. Tape loop ID, song "What A Feeling". (GM,VA 333)

- NORTH AMERICA - SHORTWAVE -

Betty Boop Radio-Providence, RI

Aug.21-0230-0303*-6955-USB. Replay of stn's 2nd show. (LS,OH 353)

Aug.22-*2306-2342*-6955-USB. Replay of stn's 2nd show. (SM,OK) (MH,SC 343) (RTJ,TX fair) (EK,Alberta 434)

Aug.30-1625-1654*-6955-USB. Replay of 2nd show. (DP,VT 434)

Blind Faith Radio-QSL info unknown

Aug.22-1624-1633*-6955-USB. OM w/test brdcast, sd to report to Monitoring Times & Pop Comm, rock mx. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL)

Sept.5-1636-1652*-6955-USB. Labor Day brdcast w/rock oldies including The Tenants. (NW,ONT fair to good PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 242) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)

Sept.13-*1551-1611*-6955-USB. Pgm of rock oldies w/host Dr.Napalm, one tune was dedicated to Clinton, sd will QSL logs in Free Radio Weekly. (GZ,OH 252)

Diana Is Dead Radio-QSL via ACE website

Sept.7-2103-2126-6955-USB. Loop tape of Elton John's "Goodbye England's Rose", QSL received from "Harry Prince" for ACE website post. (LS,OH 353)

Free Hope Experience-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Aug.23-0515-0553-6955-USB. Repeat pgm w/code samples & jammin' rock mx. (RTJ, TX great!)

Sept.5-*0421-0425-6955-USB. S/on w/CW & mx. (SM,OK)

Sept.7-*0523-0527-6955-USB. S/on w/possible big band mx. (SM,OK)

Sept.13-0525-0551-6955-USB. "Best Of Yesterday & Today" show w/Patsy Cline mx. (RTJ,TX 555) (RR,CA good) (MH,SC 343) (SM,OK)

Sept.14-0314-0340-6955-USB. Replay of 9/13, 0525 UTC show. (RTJ,TX 545)

Gomer Pyle-QSL info unknown

Aug.22-2238-2241*-6955-USB. Song "Hold On Loosely", at QRT annrc sd "73rds". (SM,OK PLS QSL)

He-Man Radio-Blue Ridge Summit, PA.

Sept.8-0141-0144*-6955-USB. Testing w/rock mx & IDs. (GZ,OH 343)

Jerry Rigged Radio-Providence, RI

Sept.13-0300-0357-6950-USB. Pgm of Latin & Indian mx, some heavy metal, ad for Boogie Condoms. (WH,IL 244) (DK,OH 433)

K-2000-Stoneham, MA

Sept.18-0300-0332-6955-USB. Comedy included Cops Section 301 skit. (RTJ,TX 545)

Lounge Lizard Radio-Providence, RI

Aug.30-*1345-1422*-6955-USB. Replay of 1st Anniversary pgm. (DP,VT 232) (JF,RI 344) (GZ,OH 252) (LS,OH 252)

Mystery Radio-Stoneham, MA

Aug.22-*0447-0531*-6955-USB. Replay of Beatles mx pgm. (SM,OK) (RTJ,TX good)

Aug.23-0426-0506*-6955-USB. Classic rock mx. (RTJ,TX fair) (SM,OK)

Aug.25-0324-0408*-6955-USB. Replay of the Wolfman Mac show. (RTJ,TX good) (SM,OK)

Aug.29-0322-0406*-6955-USB. Replay of Pink Floyd mx pgm. (SM,OK) (RTJ,TX fair)

Sept.5-0323-0402*-6955-USB. Replay of 9/96 pgm. (SM,OK)

Sept.6-0307-0350*-6955-USB. "Listener Appreciation Pgm" w/instrumental version of "Cat's In The Cradle", phone calls to Dr.Radio & Scott McArdle. (NW,ONT good) (SM,OK) (GZ,OH 343) (MH,SC 444) (LS,OH 352)

Sept.6-0554-0556*-6955-USB. Replay of 9/6, 0307 UTC pgm. (SM,OK)

Sept.7-0213-0255*-6955-USB. Replay of 9/6, 0307 UTC pgm. (SM,OK) (GZ,OH 343) (MH,SC 232)

Sept.7-0416-0434-6955-USB. Replay of "Radio Mysterioso" pgm. (SM,OK)

Sept.7-2032-2057-6955-USB. Mx & IDs. (LS,OH 354)

Sept.12-0258-0336-6955-USB. Replay of "Rocks" pgm. (RTJ,TX 444) (WH,IL 244) (PD,ME good) (SM,OK)

Nexus One-QSL info unknown

Sept.6-*0259-0302*-6954.9-USB. Discussion of Mr.Spock, OM w/ID as "This is radio stn Nexus One". (GZ,OH 444) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (PD,ME good as unid PLS QSL)

Sept.6-0438-0441-6955.5-USB. Tx abt Church Of The Subgenius, mentioned "Highway Of Slack". (MH,SC 343) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL)

Sept.6-0502-0507-6955.5-USB. Trying to contact Bucky Skylark, tx abt mutilated cows. (MH,SC 343) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL)

Sept.7-0517-0523*-6955.5-USB. Distorted audio, sd "Radio station Nexus One calling Bucky Skylark". (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Night On Fire-QSL info unknown

Sept.13-*0428-0519*-6955-USB. Host Holman w/song "Easy Rider", read excerpts from books including "Hell's Angels". (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Polka Shortwave-Stoneham, MA

Sept.12-0209-0246-6955-USB. Polka mx including "Beer Barrel Polka", "PA Polka" farm report w/Gordie. (RTJ,TX 555) (WH,IL 244) (SM,OK) (RR,CA 232) (DK,OH 455) (PD,ME good)

Radio Amazonia-Wuppertal, Germany

Aug.23-*2306-2337*-6955-USB. Via unid NA relay, lots of IDs. (SM,OK)

Radio Azteca-Belfast, NY

Aug.23-*0015-0034*-6955.1-AM. MX & ID Special #2 w/annrc Bram Stoker. (DP,VT) (SM,OK) (RTJ,TX very weak) (MH,SC 322)

Aug.23-*1640-1659*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0015 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 252)

Aug.31-*0156-0218*-6954.9-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0015 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 343) (LS,OH 253) (SM,OK) (RTJ,TX 444)

Sept.13-*2027-2047*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0015 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 252+)

Radio Barnyard-QSL info unknown

Sept.14-0245-0303-6955-USB. Replay of 1st pgm testing the "cowmitter" w/comedy mx. (RTJ,TX 555)

Radio Blandeque-Merlin, ONT

Sept.10-0029-0043-6955-USB. Spanish mx. (LS,OH as unid PLS QSL)

Sept.13-0135+-6955-USB. Replay of pgm w/Spanish mx & accented OM annrc. (RTJ, TX 333) (PD,ME poor)

Radio Caliente-Merlin, ONT

Sept.13-0133-0150*-6955-USB. Salsa & Spanish pop mx, couple of English IDs. (GZ, OH 242) (GM,VA 343) (RR,CA S7)

Radio Eclipse-Providence, RI

Aug.22-*0257-0323*-6955-USB. Annrc Steve Mann w/Clinton Sex Scandal Follow-Up Show. (SM,OK)

Aug.22-*2300-2304*-6955-USB. Song "I Want To Get High" then QRT. (SM,OK)

Sept.12-*2334-2358*-6954.8v-AM. Instrumental mx IS into pgm of rock mx & jokes abt Bill Clinton. (DK,OH 344) (GZ,OH 343) (MH,SC 444)

Radio Freedom-QSL info unknown

Aug.29-1948-1952*-6955-USB. Annrc as a test w/mx by The Knack, Monty Python & Soundgarden. (JF,RI 243 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL)

Aug.29-2049+-6955-USB. Classic rock mx. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL)

Aug.29-2115-2201*-6955-USB. Pgm of rock mx, OM w/ID after testing for 40 minutes, sd would be back over Labor Day. (GZ,OH 555)

Radio Garbanzo-Belfast,NY

Aug.22-0207-0234*-6955.2-AM. Fearless Fred w/special pgm dedicated to retirement of WREC, rock mx including Web Wilder, ad for Crazy Freddy's Pirate Emporium, lotsa PJ Sparx dialog. (LS,OH 444) (SM,OK)

Aug.23-0036-0103-6955-AM. Replay of 8/22, 0207 UTC show. (SM,OK) (DP,VT) (MH, SC 322)

Radio Inca-Providence, RI

Aug.28-0055-0108*-6954.9-USB. Spanish & Andean folk mx, gave ID in both English & Spanish. (SM,OK) (RTJ,TX 322 as unid)

Aug.28-*0224-0248*-6954.7-USB. Replay of 8/28, 0055 UTC show. (SM,OK)

Radio Metallica Worldwide-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Sept.6-1452-1502-6955-AM. Replay of German speed metal mx pgm. (MH,SC 242)

Sept.6-2240-6955-AM. No details given. (LS,OH 454)

Sept.6/7-2328-0005-6955v-AM. Replay of 9/6, 1452 UTC show. (MH,SC 444) (PD,ME very good)

Sept.7-*0210-0256*-6955.2v-AM. Program of rock mx w/Dr.Tornado and Senor El Nino, long talk about Clinton's sex life and political troubles, QRM to R. Nonsense. (GZ,OH 454+) (RR,CA 341) (MH, SC 555) (WH,IL 344) (SM,OK) (PD,ME very good)

Sept.7-1338-1422*-6955.2v-AM. Replay of 9/7, 0210 UTC show. (MH,SC 343) (GZ,OH 454) (PD,ME fair) (LS,OH 555)

Sept.7-*1751-1758+-6957.7-AM. Replay of 9/7, 0210 UTC pgm. (JF,RI 444) (PD,ME fair)

Sept.8-*0021-0107*-6955.2v-AM. Replay of 9/7, 0210 UTC show. (GZ,OH 444)

Sept.9-0310-0355-6955-AM. Replay of 9/7, 0201 UTC show. (PD,ME good) (LS,OH 555)

Sept.12-2250-2334*-6955-AM. Replay of 9/7, 0210 UTC show. (GZ,OH 454+) (MH,SC 343) (DK,OH 444)

Sept.14-*0011-0030*-6956.4-AM. Replay of German speed metal mx pgm. (GZ,OH 555) (MH,SC 555) (DK,OH 444) (PD,ME very good)

Radio Nonsense-Belfast, NY

Aug.23-0112-0141-6955-USB. Joe Mama w/"All About Death" pgm, mx:"Don't Fear The Reaper", National Lampoon Gold Turkey sketch, South Park clips. (SM,OK) (MH,SC 232) (RTJ,TX great pgm!)

Aug.23/24-2358-0039*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0112 UTC pgm. (SM,OK) (GZ,OH 242) (GN,TX good) (RTJ,TX 433)

Aug.30-*0015-0125*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0112 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 333-) (RTJ, TX very good) (SM,OK)

Sept.5-0129-0147-6955-USB. Mx & skits related to radio. (DK,OH 434) (SM,OK) (PD, ME fair) (LS,OH 353)

Sept.5-0235-0243-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0112 UTC pgm. (DK,OH 333) (RC,MA 444) (GZ,OH 444) (SM,OK) (LS,OH 252)

Sept.8-*0013-0058*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/23, 0112 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 343/311+) (SM,OK)

Radio Senseless-QSL info unknown

Aug.22-0240-0242-6955-USB. Testing. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL)

Radio Xanax-Stoneham, MA

Sept.13-*0021-0106*-6955-USB. "Don't Worry Be Happy" IS, announced as program #5 w/mx by Rollins Band, Zappa, clips from Apocalypse Now, mailbag w/letters from George Zeller, Dave Fisher, Lee Silvi, Mike Prindle, slogan of "the relaxation stn". (RC,MA 544) (GM,VA 444) (GZ,OH 343+) (MH,SC 242) (PD,ME good)

Sept.14-0017-0124-6955-USB. Replay of 9/13, 0021 UTC pgm. (MH,SC 242) (PD,ME very good) (SM,OK)

RFM-Belfast, NY

Sept.6-*0053-0137*-6955-AM. Usual anncr HV Short w/mx by Queen, some parody ads & skits. (GZ,OH 343) (MH,SC 232/333) (SM,OK) (PD,ME very good) (LS,OH 353) (JF, RI 444)

Tangerine Radio-Belfast, NY

Aug.29-0149-0217-6955-USB. Replay of stn's Anti-Religion Show. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 454) (SM,OK) (MH,SC 343)

Voice Of Green Onions-QSL info unknown

Aug.29-2323-2339*-6955-USB. Long loop of Green Onions instrumental song, OM w/ ID as "This is the VO Green Onions, 6955 kHz".

Aug.30-*0009-0028*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/29, 2323 UTC pgm. (JF,RI 344 PLS QSL) (MH,SC 343 as The Voice Of PW)

Aug.30-*0137-0156*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/29, 2323 UTC pgm. (JF,RI 344 PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Aug.30-*0236-0255*-6955-USB. Replay of 8/29, 2323 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Voice Of Laryngitis-Belfast, NY

Sept.5-2319-2347*-6955.1-AM. New pgm w/skits abt World Of Radio, R.Marti, Alien Autopsy, ad for Friendly Freddy's Burial, had some early technical problems, quick QRT during Bull Bruiser's coverage of flying saucer crash. (GZ,OH 454) (MH,SC 343) (SM,OK) (PD,ME very good) (LS,OH 454)

Sept.6-1230*-6956-AM. Caught QRT. (LS,OH)

Sept.6-1305+-6955.6v-AM. Replay of 9/5, 2319 UTC show. (PD,ME fair)

Sept.6-*1714-1823*-6955-AM. Replay of 9/5, 2319 UTC show. (LS,OH 454) (JF,RI 333)

Voice Of The Pig's Ear-QSL info unknown

Aug.21-2239-2248*-6955-USB. Caught end of show. (SM,OK)

Aug.29-0138-0142-6955-USB. Mx & usual commentary. (LS,OH 354 PLS QSL) (SM, OK PLS QSL) (MH,SC 242)

Aug.29-0220-0251-6955-USB. Pgm in response to Tangerine Radio pgm, lotsa negative comments & remarks. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Aug.29-2202-2217+-6955-USB. OM w/pgm of rock mx & discussion, wiped out by R. Freedom. (GZ,OH 252/211) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)

Aug.29/30-2352-0010*-6955-USB. Anti-New World Order & religion talk. (GZ,OH 242) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)

Sept.4-0010-0030*-6955-USB. Mx by Bon Jovi & Weird Al, sd "God Bless the Republic & death to the New World Order". (SM,OK PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 242) (PD,ME fair PLS QSL) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)

Sept.13/14-2345-0011*-6955-USB. Rock mx, tx abt Waco, many IDs. (GM,VA 444 PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 343+) (MH,SC 242) (DK,OH 333)

Voice Of The Raving Lunatic-sd may QSL via FRW, PIPA or Dialogs

Aug.30-*0316-0401*-6955-USB. New stn w/host Manic Maniac playing mx by Hootie & The Blowfish, The B-52's, Billy Idol, ZZ Top, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Fabulous Thunderbirds. (RTJ,TX 211 as unid PLS QSL) (JF,RI 343/322 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)

Voice Of The Rock-Providence, RI

Aug.23-1228-1259-6955-AM. Repeat pgm. (LS,OH 252/151)

WACK Radio-anncd 1-888-959-8177 or wackradiomail@juno.com for reports

Sept.14-0144+-6955-USB. Mx by Prodigy, parody ads for Condom & Microsoft Brew. (MH,SC 242/343)

Sept.15-0207-0307-6955-USB. Rock mx, fake ads, asked listeners to call if they got their QSL cards. (DK,OH 433) (PD,ME PLS QSL)

WBIG-Belfast, NY

Sept.11-0100-0120+-6955-AM. "Fera Jacques" IS then mx. (LS,OH 454)

WEED-Huntsville, AL

Aug.23-*0748-0840-6955-AM. Mx & bugle calls. (SM,OK)
 Aug.30-*0712-0815*-6955-AM. Classic rock mx including "No Sugar" & "Runnin' W/ The Devil". (RTJ,TX 444) (SM,OK)
 Sept.6-0411-0502-6955.1-AM. Songs:"Bad Moon Rising", "Cooperhead Road", QRM from Nexus One. (MH,SC 141) (JF,RI 131 as unid PLS QSL) (SM,OK)
 Sept.12-0350-0356-6955-AM. Bugle call & mx. (SM,OK)

WHYP-anncd whyp1530@yahoo.com for reports

Aug.22-0104-0128*-6954.9-USB. Replay of 2nd pgm w/dialog from Dr.Tornado mixed in. (GZ,OH 444 as R.Tornado WW)

WLIQ-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Aug.23-0215-0300-6955-USB. Anncr Jimmy Hix w/"Mostly Minnesota Show", lotsa good rockabilly mx. (RTJ,TX fair good show!) (MH,SC 343) (SM,OK) (EK,Alberta 242)

WLIS-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Sept.5-0021+-6955-USB. Pgm saluting PJ Sparx of WREC, IS from R.Australia, mx by XTC. (NW,ONT poor) (PD,ME good) (LS,OH 454)
 Sept.7-2028-2058*-6954.8-USB. Replay of 9/5, 0021 UTC show. (JF,RI 3-444)
 Sept.12-2200-2231*-6954.9-AM. Replay of 9/5, 0021 UTC pgm. (DK,OH 344) (JF,RI 444)

WMFQ-Providence, RI

Sept.14-0348-0416-6955-USB. Mix of rap, rock, polka & instrumental mx. (RTJ,TX 444)

WMPR-QSL info unknown

Aug.30-0130+-6955.5-AM. Usual format. (TS,PA 344 PLS QSL)
 Aug.31-*0106-0153*-6955.4-AM. Usual format. (GZ,OH 555)
 Sept.6-1652-1714-6955-AM. Usual stuff. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)
 Sept.13-2218-2305*-6955.4-AM. Pgm of techno rock. (GZ,OH 555-) (MH,SC 555)

WPRP-QSL info unknown

Sept.6-1653-1714*-6955-AM. Sounded like a parody of WMPR, played YL dance mx at a high speed, song "How Much Is That Hounddog In The Window", IDs were given in WMPR style. (JF,RI 333 PLS QSL)

WRYT-Belfast, NY

Aug.22-1940-1941*-6955-USB. Hrd end of pgm. (LS,OH 353)
 Aug.22-*2242-2249*-6955-USB. Dirty White Boy w/James Brown mx & part of Jethro Tull's "Aqualung". (SM,OK) (GM,VA 444)
 Aug.23-0200-0205-6955-USB. Rap mx, sd to send a naked picture of Dr.Tornado to get a QSL. (MH,SC 343) (SM,OK as unid PLS QSL)
 Aug.29-0251-0256-6955-USB. Mx & IDs. (LS,OH 252) (MH,SC 343)
 Aug.29-2006-2047-6955-USB. Mx & IDs. (LS,OH 454)
 Aug.30-0309-0313-6955-USB. Mx & IDs. (LS,OH 252)
 Sept.15-2313-6955-USB. Hrd ID. (PD,ME fair)

WSRR/Solid Rock Radio-Belfast, NY

Sept.13-*1504-1535*-6955.1-AM. Pgm of soul mx w/host Dr.Love. (GZ,OH 353+)

WUNH-Providence, RI

Aug.22-0350-0432-6955-USB. Anncr Melville Grunion w/comedy bits, banjo pickin' version of "Hail To The Chief", rockabilly tunes. (RTJ,TX good) (SM,OK)

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Aug.22-0120-0123*-6955-USB. Unid mx & QRT. (LS,OH 253)
 Aug.22/23-*2343-0012*-6954.9-AM. Lotsa cartoon themes including Huckleberry Hound Woody Woodpecker, Bugs Bunny, promos for children's shows w/cereal company sponsors (RTJ,TX fair) (MH,SC 454) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (SM,OK PLS QSL)
 Aug.23-*0606-0651*-6955-USB. Possible ID as Britain's Better Mx Stn? (SM,OK PLS QSL)
 Aug.24-0118-0135*-6955-USB. Kansas mx then QRT. (SM,OK PLS QSL) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)
 Aug.27-0538-0606-6955-USB. Testing? w/guitar mx. (RTJ,TX very weak)
 Aug.28-0151-0154*-6955-USB. Mx, end of a pgm? (LS,OH 252)
 Aug.29-0325-0344-6955-?. Sounded like very old Pink Floyd mx, OM w/EG accent faintly hrd, possible Euro relay? (RC,MA 343)
 Aug.29-2232-2238-6955-USB. Sounded like 2 stn's, one w/sinister-like laughing. (LS,OH 232 PLS QSL)
 Aug.29-2305-2332-6955-USB. Classic rock mx. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)
 Aug.30-1327-1343*-6955-USB. Radio drama w/OM & YL, mentioned Raymond Burr. (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL) (DP,VT 131)
 Aug.30-*1425-1518-6955-USB. Several old time radio shows w/Jimmy Durante, Jack Benny & others, 40's mx, lots of gaps between segments, possible ID by YL as WAME. (DP,VT 232) (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL)
 Aug.30-1945-1952*-6955-USB. Anncd as a new stn testing w/songs:"Rave On", "Joy To The World", OM sd to report to FRN, Pop Comm & Monitoring Times. (JF,RI 243 PLS QSL)
 Aug.31-0338-0358*-6955-USB. Non-stop mx including "Mustang Sally". (SM,OK PLS QSL) (RTJ,TX 555 PLS QSL)
 Sept.5-2319-2334-6955.1-AM. Several Metallica tunes back to back. (MH,SC 343)
 Sept.6-*0604-0648*-6955-USB. Non-stop mx w/no IDs. (SM,OK PLS QSL)
 Sept.7-0315-0351-6955-USB. Spacey mx, strange tx, Mystery R.? (WH,IL 133)
 Sept.7-2230-2243-6950-AM. Test brdcast w/YL anncr, sd report logs to ACE. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL)
 Sept.8-2215-2219-6955-USB. Rock mx. (PD,ME fair PLS QSL)

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Rhetorical Question #1:

Is there another word for synonym?

What's News - the media report

According to the Federal Communications Commission, the number of pirates is shrinking! They gleefully report the closing of 15 FM stations in the Miami area, and 4 more in Cleveland in July and August, and a bunch of equipment was seized - including two 2kW transmitters! Official estimates are that there are "80 radio pirates on the air" in the USA. [Radio World 16 Sept 98, pp 2] {Note: That estimate is obviously ONLY for FM microcasters; I think I heard that many pirates just over Labor Day weekend! Jta}

The FCC offices are currently spread around the Nation's capitol in eight different buildings, and the GSA is trying to force some consolidation; the FCC has a contract to move into the new Portals II office building. But Congress is investigating the deal because of possible illegal payments to lobbyists, and has refused to give the FCC the money needed to move. If this is not resolved soon, the FCC may be an agency without ANY offices - and rent on the new, unused office space is costing the taxpayers \$45,000 per DAY! [from an unknown Winona (MN) paper, via Alan Masyga]

Another fine article on pirate radio, microcasting, and the fight for free speech on the radio appears in the latest High Times magazine. The five page write-up covers the gamut from Black Liberation Radio to WPPR to Steal This Radio to Radio Free Berkeley, and makes it plain that free speech cannot be had within the FCC Rules and Regs. "Mutiny On The Airwaves" is definitely a good read! [High Times, Oct 98, via Captain Ganja]

The Fall 98 issue of *Hobby Broadcasting* is out - and is another

good read. Andy Yoder and contributors have cranked out 40 pages of news and reviews, with a heavy emphasis on pirate TV this time. Get a subscription to this quarterly for only \$12 from: *Hobby Broadcasting*, PO Box 642, Mont Alto, PA 17237. [direct]

Rhetorical Question #2:

What's the opposite of antonym?

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Lots of good stuff for sale; radio related books and gear, model train stuff. This is a completely new list, with great discounts. Some new, some used, but NONE abused. Send a #10 SASE for complete list to: Brandon Artman, 515 N. Maryland Ave, West Chester, PA 19380.

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Rhetorical Question #3:

Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

TROLLing for Pirates...

the rumor center

ADD to Box 146: Blind Faith R (but he hasn't contacted the droperator yet, so expect delays)...

ADD to Box 28413: RFM, Radio Inca, Vot Twilight Alehouse...

Boy oh Boy! Metallica is working overtime these days. Over Labor Day weekend they were on at least five times - and TWICE they came on over other broadcasts, jamming them into oblivion. First time was Sunday morning, just as the first new Voice of Laryngitis show in FOUR YEARS was winding down; the second time was Sunday evening just as Radio Nonsense was getting started. And that's not the end: On Sunday, 13 Sept, Radio USA started a broadcast only to get creamed by Dr T! Is Metallica the World's Biggest Alligator Station or what? They've certainly earned the Just Plain Clueless Award. Would someone like to donate a pair of ears to them? Maybe with 10,000 watts they figure it doesn't matter if someone else is already on the air..?

And has *anyone* gotten anything from WACK Radio yet..?

"There are two ways to boot a computer. One is the the right way, but the other is very satisfying!" --Marina Pappas

and here's what was slipped.....

Under The Door

the QSL report for October 1998

Tony (the tumor) Benbenek is pleased to display a long blue card with personal note from Radio Metallica WW in 158 days.

Ross Comeau is bragging about a full data "Mystery Radio Mobile Station" card with business cards and thank-you stationary letter from Mystery Radio for FRW log, and a full data laminated card and infosheet from WRKO Shortwave signed by Dale Dorman in 69 days.

Joe Filipkowski left work early because of a full data card & infosheet from Radio Fan Man (via WREC) signed by Mary Jane in 69 days, a full data yellow card & infosheet from SWRS in 6 weeks, a full data pink card from Radio Silver (via SWRS) in 50 days, a full data sheet (#003) from Vot Raving Lunatic signed by Manic Maniac in a few days for ACE website posting, and full data card (#16) from WPUP signed by Pirate Puppies in almost 1 year.

Greg Majewski covered the nail-holes in his wall with four QSL cards along with a business cards for the Shadow and Giggles and a nice note from Mystery Radio.

Scott McArdle hollered Yippee! over a full data "Stereo Dreams" card with 2 business cards, a note from Giggles and a special surprise from Mystery Radio in 81 days, and a .gif QSL from Voice of the Raving Lunatic emailed same day for ACE website posting and 7 (more!!) different cards with business cards and notes from Shadow & Giggles for various ACE website postings, ACE & FRW loggings & rpts to Stoneham....WOW!!! Thanks, he says!

Gary Neal received a full data green card (#287) from KNBS with poster in 137 days.

Ray Pfaff got a QSL and personal letter from Radio Fan Man in 2 months.

Marina Pappas is raving about a full data letter (#061) from WLIQ signed by Jimmy Hix in two months, and a full data "we are stong together" card (#186) from Radio 510 with other goodies in 15 weeks.

George Zeller tacked up a full data "antique radio on antique car" card from Shortwave Relay Service signed by Steve in 53 days, and a full data "mountains" card with two business cards and a thank-you note from Mystery Radio signed by The Shadow in 69 days for log in Free Radio Weekly.

Ye Olde Columniste glommed onto a pretty blue full data sheet (#18) from RFM signed by HV Short in about 12 days.

SIG file tag line of the month:

"What if there were no hypothetical questions?"

Until next month, 73 and Great DX!

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

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Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always very welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1300-2145 UTC weekdays. E-mail input is welcome via my georgez@acclink.com address. My old e-mail address of George.Zeller@acclink.com still works as well.

CUBAN AMBASSADOR ATTACKS CANF

Fernando Remirez, Cuban emissary to Washington, has accused the Cuban American National Foundation of terrorism. The CANF, probably the best known and most robustly financed anti-Castro group in the USA, and also the operator of La Voz de la Fundacion, has been defensive since a *New York Times* article linking the CANF with violence in Cuba. The *Times* cited Luis Posada Carriles as a source that the CANF had financed a campaign of bombings and assassination attempts in Cuba targeted against Fidel Castro, and that they were responsible for a recent series of bombings at Cuban hotels, restaurants, and discos.

Cuban emissary Remirez, speaking to the Associated Press in a July 25 story, said that the USA has financed sabotage inside Cuba for nearly four decades. "It's been very clear that CANF has been linked to and participated in terrorist activities," said Remirez.

CANF chairman Alberto Hernandez denied the *Times* charges in a statement to the AP. He said that the *Times* allegations were "outrageous and malicious," threatening legal action against the newspaper unless it printed a retraction. Hernandez and CANF officials told the AP that the Cuban American National Foundation "seeks change in Cuba only through peaceful means."

The situation is probably the biggest blow to the CANF since the death of its former leader Jorge Mas Canosa. Why not tune in to WRMI so that you can hear what La Voz de la Fundacion has to say about all this? The current schedule remains Monday through Saturday between 1000 and 1300 UTC on 9955 kHz.

AFGHANISTAN

Last month we discussed Afghan clandestines in the context of the United States cruise missile attack on radical Arabic fundamentalist camps supposedly operated by Osama bin Laden. Since then the major political development in the region has been a massive buildup of Iranian troops at the Afghan border in response to the killing of several Iranian diplomats inside Afghanistan. The latest reports as I write this column suggest that Iran is considering the difficulties that a guerrilla war against the Afghan Taliban would present. The USSR learned this lesson during a long period several years ago. But, the situation is tense, and it could spill over into various clandestine stations.

As usual Nick Grace and Martin Schoech are covering up to the minute information about worldwide clandestines on the Clandestine Radio Intel web site. You can still point your browser to <http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/cland.htm> to access this award-winning internet

resource. The CRI site notes a couple of significant clandestine developments recently in Afghanistan.

Citing BBCMS and the September NASWA Listener's Notebook by Al Quaglieri, Clandestine Radio Intel notes that Radio Afghanistan was "overtaken by Taliban forces on August 10 and has since become the Radio Voice of Shari'ah of Takhar Province. The new schedule appears to be 1500-1840 UTC on 7199 kHz, with a 15 minute English program scheduled at 1645. Logs of this one in the 40 meter ham band are going to be impossible from North America unless they change the time schedule.

COLOMBIAN CLANDESTINES

The number of pure clandestines operating in the Western Hemisphere has trickled to a tiny handful. Two that still appear to be on the air are the ELN's Radio Patria Libre and the even more radical Voz de la Resistencia, both apparently operating from within Colombia. To my knowledge, almost no North American DXers have heard either of these stations from North America during the last three or four years (see below). They therefore stand as superb DX targets for us, particularly with fall reception conditions returning. Earlier sunsets might give us a shot at these stations, but be prepared for severe reception difficulties.

Henrik Klementz of Colombia seems to be the primary individual who hears the stations on a reasonably regular basis. In Numero Uno #1484 he notes logs of Voz de la Resistencia on 6239.8 kHz, heard with two hour broadcasts at 1400 and 2000 UTC. The 1400 transmission has a daylight path to North America, so it won't be heard here, but by 2200 it is starting to get late enough that we have a greyline starting to emerge with Colombia. Thus, it will pay to tune around the area above 49 meters to look for this extremely rare station. In July, Klementz noted that the 6250v kHz frequency of Radio Patria Libre had become active, but according to Clandestine Radio Intel, he now says that they have re-emerged on 3250.2 kHz for a while before 2100 UTC. I'm not sure if this is a typo for 6250, or if the station has genuinely moved down to 90 meters.

In Numero Uno #1458, Bob Wilkner of Florida reported a Patria Libre logging, and Ed Rausch also says that he heard them last winter. So, it's time to start scanning these frequency ranges in an attempt to hear the elusive Colombian clandestines. Nick Grace reported on Clandestine Radio Intel that the ELN was in the midst of political negotiations with the Colombian government, so it is hard to tell how much longer these stations might be on the air.

CUBANS GO ORT

Jeff White of WRMI notes that two anti-Castro Cuban stations that formerly bought time on Jeff's station have ceased their shortwave programming. Both Caribe Llama Cuba and La Voz del Escambray are not using WRMI's facilities any more.

However, Armando Mastrape of the Clandestine Radio: An Anti-Castro Historiography page, still found on the web at the <http://polisci.home.mindspring.com/ach.html> URL, notes that two new programs are using WRMI. La Voz de la Disidencia, the station of Grupo de Apoyo a la Disidencia, is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday for a half hour at 2130 on 9955 kHz. This group has a web site at <http://www.gad.org/> for those interested in seeing them on the internet. In addition, La Voz de los Plantados, the station of Plantados Until Freedom and Democracy in Cuba, is on the air Monday to Friday at 0100, Saturday at 0230, and Sunday at 2230 on 9955 kHz. This group allegedly has a web site also, but I unfortunately lost the URL. There is a discussion from the *Miami Herald* on the

web at <http://198.62.75.1/www2/fci/plantados.html> that discusses Castro's recent release of some plantidos prisoners.

NIGERIAN TARGETS

CDX via Clandestine Radio Intel mentions that Voice of Free Nigeria has left the air "as a result of poor audience-relations results." However, the granddaddy of the Nigerian clandestines, Radio Kudirat Nigeria, remains active for an hour at 1900 UTC on its traditional 6205 kHz frequency.

LIANGAS HEARS VOICE OF THE WORKER

Clandestine DXer Zacharias Liangas of Italy reports that he heard Voice of the Worker in Arabic on August 17 on parallel frequencies of 3900 and 4750 kHz at 1742 UTC on August 17. The signal was slightly stronger on 3900 kHz. These are slight frequency moves in both cases.

Zacharias also heard the 3850 kHz transmitter of the Iranian Communist Party in Farsi at 1757 UTC on August 17. A female announcer was mixed with some western music. The station jumped frequencies somewhat. Zacharias reports that at 1805* sign-off they were on 3870 kHz. The internationale communist song closed out the show.

Last month I somehow neglected to mention another interesting log from Zacharias. On 10000 kHz at 1638 on June 27 he heard a male announcer in an unidentified language talking under the time signals normally inhabiting this spot. He tentatively heard mention of the Al ahram' newspaper and a possible Radio Cairo ID. Has anybody else been noticing anything on the time signal frequencies?

RUGER HEARS PIRATE BEACONS

ACE member Randy Ruger clarifies a tip that appeared in the March *Monitoring Times* "Below 500 kHz" column. Randy heard two pirate beacons on March 1. One transmitted about 50 dashes a minute on 6851.3 kHz at 0022 UTC. Another had a 27 dash per minute rate on 4095 kHz at 0203. If anybody else hears stations like this, Tom Severt would like to hear about it for the ACE Covert Communications column.

VOICE OF MOJAHED?

Randy Ruger also sends in an unidentified clandestine logging that he noted on August 25 from 0200-0224 UTC. The station was jammed, and thus jumped around between 6220 and 6270 kHz. Randy notes that *Passport to World Band Radio* lists the Voice of Mojahed in this frequency range, but at a later time. Can anybody help Randy on this one?

BBCMS PROFILES

Once again this month we have a handful of clandestine station profiles from BBC Monitoring Service, courtesy of Grove Enterprises and *Monitoring Times* magazine. Given the QRT of *Satellite Times*, Grove has announced that *MT* has expanded its page count and communications coverage. We owe Bob Grove a plug for his excellent cooperation with ACE over the years. Current subscription rates to *MT* are \$23.95 in the US, \$36.50 in Canada, and \$55.45 elsewhere via PO Box 98, Brasstown, North Carolina 28902.

Congo. Radio Candip, operated by Radio Candio-ISP in Bunia, normally uses 5066 kHz for broadcasts in French and Swahili from 0400-0700 and 1330-1800 UTC. Alternate

frequencies are 7150 and 3390 kHz. Rebel forces took over the station in August. The station traditionally relayed RTNC news from Kinshasa. It still has a news program that it claims is a RTNC relay, but the content of the broadcast is provided by the rebels instead of a genuine RTNC show. The station sometimes uses a local FM relay. If you hear them, reports go to Boite Postale 373, Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Iraq. The Voice of the People of Kurdistan is scheduled daily on 4060v kHz from 0200-0500 UTC, on 6030v kHz from 1130-1330 UTC, and on 4060v kHz from 1445-1800 UTC. Operated by the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, their Arabic ID is "sawt sha'b kurdistan." The station is currently celebrating its tenth anniversary on the air. Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (the PUK) operates the station. You can check out this one at their <http://www.puk.org> web site. Reports can be sent via e-mail using their webmaster@puk.org address.

Iraq. The Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan is scheduled on 4085v kHz daily from 0245-0500 and 1645-1900 UTC. This one is operated by Mas'ud Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party. Their Kurdish ID is "era dangi kurdistana Iraqiya," while their Arabic ID is "sawt kurdistan al-iraq, sawt al-hizb al-dimuqrati al-kurdistana al-iraqi." Amazingly, this one is celebrating its 25th anniversary (sic) this year. Reception reports go to the KDP Press Office, Post Office Box 7725, London SW1V 3ZD, UK.

Nigeria. Ogene Ndigbo Radio has been on the air since July from the Eastern Mandate Union Abroad and the World Igbo Council. It uses the 15460 kHz frequency of WHRA in Maine for an hour at 2100 UTC on Wednesdays. BBCMS says that occasional items in English are broadcast, but that most programming is in Igbo. Similar shows from Yoruba and Ijaw ethnic groups are supposedly aired on Mondays and Fridays. The address for reports is Ogerie Ndigbo Radio. Post Office Box 91425, Washington, DC 20090. If you'd rather phone or fax them, the numbers are (301) 490-0082 for phone and (301) 779-8085 for fax.

CLANDESTINE RADIO WATCH

We have previously mentioned the excellent *Clandestine Radio Watch* newsletter operated by Nick Grace and Martin Schoech. Martin sends news about this tremendous e-mail service. They recently took a poll of their readers, and found that 80% of them replied to the poll questions. The newsletter comes out biweekly, and is not dissimilar to the *Free Radio Weekly* except that it covers clandestine news. If you have clandestine news, send them to CRW via Nick Grace's yb0rmi@letterbox.com e-mail address. Logs, schedules, and QSL's are welcome via Martin Schoech's schoechi@gmx.de address. If you don't want to subscribe to the e-mail newsletter but would like to see it, back issues are posted regularly on the Clandestine Radio Intel web site (see above for URL).

The Clandestine Radio Watch newsletter and the Clandestine Radio Intel web site are certainly the most valuable combined information source that we have ever had in the clandestine radio hobby. Anybody with an interest in the field should take advantage of this excellent resource.

THANKS!

This month we thank the following DXers who sent in material direct to this column: and Zacharias Lingias (Italy), Martin Schoech (Germany), Jeff White (Florida), Armando Mastrapa (Florida), Randy Ruger (California), Zecharias Liangas (Italy), and George Zeller (Ohio). Next month we all hope to hear from YOU by October 20 for the November ACE Clandestine Profile.

Micro 'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to enlighten and educate ACE members about the many facets of Part 15 Radio- this is YOUR column! Please send all newspaper clippings, tapes, station profiles and what have you to the addresses above....

NEWS, GOOD & BAD: Micro Radio's face is changing daily; some battles won, others lost, but the war isn't over yet. First, a success story!

Most of you know that Allen Weiner's legal shortwave station WBCQ is now on the air and was to have begun testing with 50 KW on 9/9/98. I logged the station in on 9/8/98 at 0009 UTC on 7415 kHz, AM mode! Even though Allen Weiner was not involved with micro-radio (that I know of), his is still a success story in patience and persistence. To "keep on keepin' on" surely pays off sometimes!

For those new to the hobby, Mr. Weiner had been harassed for years for operating free radio stations; in fact, he had a legal AM translator station on 1610kHz AM that he originated programming from, but was shut down.

For those of you who have been keeping up with micro-radio and the proposals before the FCC, there are still three proposals on the table, even in light of a handful of stations being shut down in recent weeks. I have SO much material now, via mail and the Internet, that it's gonna be hard to condense and include it here--the most timely will be reported, with timeless info included as our kind Editor will permit (thanks, Steve!). First, some mail from Talia & Rich Jurrens in TX:

Without making more waves than have already been made, the *Houston Chronicle* reported on "Montrose Radio", a 33 watt FM pirate radio station, that uses air personalities with alternate names for self protection. The station has applied for a waiver to allow it to operate legally, which could cost the collective running the station \$8000 just to pay for the FCC hearing. The station operators' reason for running the station is, in their opinion, because "there is a large part of the community spectrum which is virtually ignored by much of the major media" and "commercial radio...denies too many people a voice--just like cable TV, radio ought to provide public access opportunities". I agree! We all wish "Montrose Radio" good luck!

The good news is that many stations around the country continue to thrive and build audiences, with new stations popping up every week- an impetus hard to ignore. The bad news is the FCC and NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) are teaming up to find & shut down as many micro-stations as possible--some, in my opinion, on trumped-up charges such as "interference"- and we ALL know, a 100 mw to 100 watt station can NOT compete with a 50KW flamethrower station! In fact, I did a site-survey with several radios (home stereo, portable, and auto) to check on interference

from legal stations--and MANY (mostly rock & roll stations) were SO overprocessed they seemed to be considerably over the FCC limits for adjacent channel interference; I could hear them over 200 kHz off center channel. I think overprocessing is not only to capture an audience, but to COVER UP AS MUCH ADJACENT CHANNEL SPACE AS POSSIBLE to keep micro-stations from filling the gaps-- what do YOU think?

Now, the bad news: a recent Miami, FL bust included "Hot 97", a station lauded by the community as a "blessing" due to it's airing of information and promotion of morals. After two years of serving the public through fund-raisers for ill children, holding live call-in shows with topics ranging from teen pregnancy to drug abuse, "Hot 97" is amassing 10,000 signatures from the public, fighting to get back on the air. "Just to get to the kids, it's worth it", Brindley Marshall of Hot 97 stated. "If we don't, who will?" Miami-Dade Police Officer Kanya Howard was quoted as saying, "This station is the center point of the community--they help us out a lot. It's sad, as soon as we were working together, it's disbanded." The FCC confiscated all equipment; Marshall is filing the necessary paperwork to get it back. David Fiske of the FCC mentioned that Miami International Airport was calling about interference last fall--how about all those so-called LEGAL broadcasters with their overprocessed transmissions, Mr. Fiske???

Next, in Washington DC, crime capital of the USA, "WISD, D-Mart" was told to cease operations by the FCC after four years of daily operation. No other info about the station was available at this time-- just the same, tired tripe about how such operations are illegal & how many stations have been shut down...blah, blah, blah.

Here is something interesting about The One That Got Away: On Sunday August 2, operators IDing themselves as Covert Broadcast Service were chased by FCC and law enforcement officials (official whats?). After DFing the station in the Berkeley (CA) hills, a 3-hour manhunt, a high-speed chase, off-road pursuit, floodlights & a ground search team proved UNSUCCESSFUL. The FCC office in San Francisco declined (chuckle!) to comment on the botched operation. This article mentioned that the FCC is taking an increasingly MILITARISTIC approach toward microradio stations, which resulted in "no-knock" commando-style raids on residences, arrests, confiscation of equipment and heavy fines...and more blah. Who are the real criminals here-- those who try to use their right to free speech, or those "officials" who trespass without a warrant??? What bothers me is the terms "militaristic" and "commando-style"-- which has been reported all over the U.S., not in micro-radio raids, but involving peaceful patriots, etc.--so has the government decided to step on those who wish to not only exercise their rights but to inform the people also?

Speaking of patriots, a gentleman by the name of Jeff Davis from Austin, TX wants to lend a hand to any & all microbroadcasters "out there". Here is an excerpt from his recent newsletter, 'The Action Newsletter': "Eight months ago I was invited to host a live broadcast on a micro FM station in central Texas. Like many people, I discounted so-called 'pirate' radio, because after all, no one was

listening, right? WRONG! After two weeks of programming, we began receiving calls on our comment line. I have a long history of hosting licensed radio & TV shows and after a short time, the micro show was identical. Currently, I am the number one supporter of micro stations worldwide, provided your signal doesn't impose on another station. Although currently illegal, we must defend to the highest levels the right of the people to use broadcast technology against any system of tyrants who work to squelch free speech. Information is the key to victory. Please support brave patriots who use this technology."

Jeff Davis can be heard on WWCN, Fridays @ 11:05 PM CST on 3210 kHz, Galaxy 7 satellite, transponder 14 audio 7.710 and on RMI Sundays @ 7:30 PM CST on 9995 kHz. Jeff can be contacted at P.O. Box 200357, Austin, TX 78720, phone (512)331-9212. The e-mail address is : tfijidshow@aol.com. The website is at: <http://members.aol.com/tfijidshow/>

This one's from George Zeller's neighborhood: (Cleveland Plain Dealer). Since March '98, 5 community stations here have been raided & shut down, 4 of these served an Hispanic audience. Religion, Hispanic programming, blood & bone marrow drives and other charitable causes were helped by these stations, only to have their equipment seized by the FCC. Now the Cleveland, OH community is fighting to have these stations put back on the air, stating that these stations were "vital links to a growing community that is struggling with language & cultural barriers and they hoped the FCC would recognize their public service and look the other way." Information included committees being formed in support of the stations....

In Asheville, NC, it has been reported that although FCC agents and Asheville Police forced their way onto the property housing Free Radio Asheville they were "not allowed to inspect" the station, nor shut it down or confiscate equipment, due to the FACT they didn't have a search warrant OR permission to be there. Further threats of raids in the future have been promised if "FRA" doesn't come into "compliance". DJ "Ramblin' Rose" did, however, shut the station down that evening but would not turn the equipment over to the agents, pending a meeting with the FRA collective; afterward, this statement was issued:

"The people need to know this is not an issue of simple legality; it is an issue of Freedom of Speech. The FCC is exercising prior restraint on speech by setting the entry level requirements for holding a license at a level that excludes the average citizen from using this broadcast medium. The broadcast spectrum is publicly owned and should be available to the public. We, the FRA, will resume our regular broadcast schedule on Saturday, August 29."

Last but not least, if you get this in time or have read the release in alt.radio.pirate, there is to be a march on Washington D.C. on October 4th & 5th in support of micro radio. Workshops and meetings will be held, culminating in a live broadcast aimed directly at FCC HQ. Contact:

peteridish@hotmail.com for more info.

And I believe that about winds up my space! Maybe next month, back to some Part 15 issues. Until then, make a safe & happy Halloween for the kiddies! Hasta la vista de Bud

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Numbers monitor Chris Smolinski of Maryland has recently finished work on a numbers station CD-ROM. The disk, titled *"The Numbers Racket"*, is a multimedia CD-ROM which includes not only recordings of numbers stations, but also text that describes the stations, formats used by each station, frequencies & schedules, background information and more. The CD-ROM is organized as a website and can be viewed by any web browser, whether you're using Macintosh or Windows. The CD-ROM can be ordered directly from Chris for \$20.00 in US funds. Chris's address is:

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I'll have an in-depth review of the CD-ROM next month.

On 3 September 1998 at 0122 on 11107 I heard a YL/EE E17 station with a 5F message in progress. Once the message was over, I kept listening to the frequency waiting for the carrier to drop. It stayed on the air for about 10 minutes when it sent a tone and a single "398" and went off the air. After about 30 seconds the carrier came back on the air. A few more minutes passed and a couple more "398's" were sent. Finally, at the top of the hour it repeated 398 and went into a message, the same one I had copied at 0122. It's not necessarily odd to hear a station repeat a message an hour later, but it is certainly unusual to hear a message repeated on the same frequency.

P7X has been active again lately. You can catch it on 5431.5 and 5779.5 parallel during the evening hours. During the day it has been found on 10692.5. The usual 120 group CW messages and high-speed data signals are being sent.

I've compiled a list of the Cuban V2 & M8 stations. I have posted the skeds to the Spooks mailing list. If you're not on the Spooks list & would like a copy, send me an e-mail or SASE.

For yet more information on numbers stations, check out Simon Mason's website. Simon is the author of the book *Secret Signals - The Euronumbers Mystery*. The book is now out of print, so Simon put it on his website. There are also plenty of other items, including full schedules of the Lincolnshire Poacher (E3), Cherry Ripe (E4), and two-letter callup stations E16 and G16. There are some photographs of QSL's from OLX (S16/M6) and KKN44 (M25), as well as pictures of one-time pads, a gigantic log periodic antenna atop an embassy, and various articles and letters. It is well worth checking out for anyone with even the slightest interest in numbers stations. The URL is <http://www.btinternet.com/~simon.mason>. When you get there, click on the "Secret Signals" icon.

That's about all for this month. Next month, as promised, I'll have an in-depth look at Chris Smolinski's "The Numbers Racket" CD-ROM. If you have an interesting item you would like to share, please send it to me at the address at the top of the page. All contributions to this column are welcome.

The Presidents Page

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I had to laugh at an article in "Radio World"

last month in which an FCC Official said that there are only "80 pirate FM stations on the air in the United States" and that they have targeted them to be shut down. 80? There are probably 80 in New York City alone, much less the entire United States. One can only assume they are trying to patronize the NAB and make them feel they have the situation under control, but to state that there are "80 pirate FM stations" in the entire United States is laughable. The same article pointed out that they had shut down over 20 in Florida alone, so common sense would tell you that there might be more than 60 throughout the entire country. LPFM, Pirate FM's whatever you want to call them, they are here to stay and for every station they shut down, 10 pop up to replace them. The technology is readily available, the desire to hear something different from the "cookie cutter conglomerates" that dominate the airwaves is tremendously strong and the FCC has got to deal with the reality of the situation. It's very similar to Prohibition and to devote tax dollars for manpower to bust these stations is a waste of time. With the cutbacks in FCC Field Offices a few years ago, they can't possibly believe they will ever "Bust" all the FM pirates and make the NAB happy.

If you placed an order for an Official ACE T-

shirt in the past 3-months, please be patient. We have to order them by the dozen and I have to wait until we have enough orders to get them. We pay as we go, so be cool; your T-shirt will be in the mail soon. We are still waiting for more orders before we can get a whole dozen.

I was greatly saddened when I heard that WREC was retiring and would broadcast no more. P.J. Sparx has brought us literally hundreds of hours of some of the finest quality shows that will ever be heard on pirate radio. He always had excellent signals, audio and program content. He set the bar high and never gave us anything but the best. We can only hope that he has "retired" like Bill O. Rights of Radio Free Speech, and will surprise us with shows every once in a while to remind us what great pirate radio is all about. Thanks P.J. Sparx, WREC was a class act, and will be missed by us all!

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